

Even optimists carry an extra tire when they go autolog.

This year's accident season opened with unusual impressiveness.

And after the war is over they may abstain from wasting food, also.

Dogs that kill sheep are beginning to find this an unengaging world.

The stress of the times has even subdued the all-knowing college graduate.

The American inventor is now supposed to be inventing as he never did before.

There is no surer way of reducing the consumption of food than by serving hash.

One of the pathetic things of life is that the average snob doesn't realize that he is a snob.

Although it took some time, Constantine of Greece finally qualified as an expert bean spiller.

A hero is a man who does his duty, though it doesn't always mean a spectacular performance.

It was a great Italian that first discovered America. And by and by the rest of them discovered it.

You don't have to take a month off to explain to a fourteen-year-old boy what to do with a game rooster.

Teuton officers are so sure America can cut no figure in the war that they can't quit talking about it.

There is no use praying for common sense. The lord expects everybody to use what he already possesses.

A Canadian visitor says the war will end suddenly. It can't end too suddenly, provided it is ended right.

If that Italian unsinkable ship is sent to sea the Germans will cheerfully submit it to a convincing test.

With wool at 60 cents a pound and tutton out of sight, the sheep becomes a highly important member of society.

About all that can be safely predicted of an arctic exploration is that the dogs will come back as inside passengers.

Those early American soldiers in France are going to bring home a considerable cargo of glory when they return.

If every man had a garden of his own few would have time to appropriate from the other man's vegetable patch.

It is distressing that so excellent a textile as wool should have to grow on so foolish and erratic an animal as a sheep.

America has enlisted for the duration of the war, and it purposes to make the war short and completely satisfactory.

It is a big thing at times for a man to learn he can part with a dollar or two without suffering an attack of heart failure.

Father having made the war garden, mother may presently can its surplus. The rest of the family will do its bit at the dining table.

Tobacco has become so scarce in Germany that it is used as a substitute. When a German soldier says he is about to "hit the hay," he may be preparing to light a cigar.

It is the season for "don'ts" relating to matters of sanitation and personal health. By this time every citizen sufficiently sensible to profit by them should know them all by heart.

Sensations come along so fast that the little ones fall by the wayside without hardly attracting so much as passing notice. Even big ones are being accepted as a matter of course.

A steeplejack in Philadelphia, who dropped from a church spire with no more severe casualty than losing a bucket of paint and bumping his wrist, ought to make a fine recruit for the aerial squad.

The officer who led the recent air raid over London, in which the principal victims were women and children, has been decorated. Probably for his valor in subduing these formidable enemies.

The Kaiser keeps insisting that the war was forced on Germany. We presume he was also forced to drop bombs on schoolhouses.

There's no question that America has solved the dyestuff problem, as quite a number of our best-known blonds are still blond.

Due to scarcity of tobacco, the Germans are smoking strawberry leaves and lavender blossoms. At that they have it on us for they at least know what they are smoking.

American children are to realize the horrors of war. It is said that all day suckers are to be reduced in size or the price raised to 2 cents.

France has been "saved" as often as the heroine in a play. First Belgium did it, then the British, then Italy and now the United States.

NEED MEDIUM FOR ADJUSTING WAGES

United States Must Have Organization During War Time, It Is Declared.

HIGH PRICES FORCE ACTION

System Adopted in England Has Resulted in Advances Amounting to Between 20 and 25 Per Cent of Pre-War Averages.

War prices fall heavily upon all classes, but most heavily upon the workers, whose standard of life can be lowered only at grievous cost to real democracy. Some advance in prices is inevitable in war time, and the only remedy available is increased wages. We cannot permit the application of the usual method of forcing advance in wages, the strike. If the lot of labor is not to become progressively worse in time of war we must have a flexible organization of representatives of the employers and of the workers, under governmental auspices, to arrange for indispensable additions to wages, says the New Republic. Such an organization Great Britain has. It does not work perfectly, but it has secured advances that amount to between 20 and 25 per cent of the pre-war averages. What are we doing in this direction? Next to nothing. Since we entered the war food and other necessities have gone up in price by about 25 per cent. But we are depending almost wholly upon the free play of competition to effect readjustment of wages, although we know from past experience that free competition always leaves wages lagging behind in the upward trend of prices.

Complete Americanization of the labor movement in New York city and a thorough investigation of the activities there of the German propagandists has been decided upon by the American Federation of Labor and the Central Federated union. The subject was considered at a conference attended by Samuel Gompers, president, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American federation. The labor leaders will endeavor to learn whether there is any connection between the People's council, said to be opposed to the selective conscription laws, and German propagandists.

Representatives of 20,000 miners in southeastern Kentucky and eastern Tennessee, comprising district No. 19, United Mine Workers, have adopted demands for an eight-hour day, rectification of wage scales, a checking system for weighing at the mines, an increase in production and recognition of the union.

Life insurance policies calling for graduated amounts have been issued to men and women employed by the Pennsylvania Rubber company. The company bears the entire cost of the premiums on this insurance.

This year 300,000 acres of grass land were broken up in England and Wales for corn crops. It is planned to break up 3,000,000 acres of such land for this purpose in 1918 in the two countries.

Fifteen hundred thousand employees in the British Isles received increases in wages totaling \$1,500,000 in April, according to statistics prepared by the labor department of the board of trade.

More than 90 per cent of the refining and smelting of drosses and scrap metals in the United States is carried on in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river.

The oldest farmhand in the United States is Jacob Hoelback of Roxborough, Pa. He is one hundred and five years old and has held his job for 82 years on the Kirkner farm.

For the first time in the history of the Erie shop at Susquehanna, Pa., women are being employed to operate drill presses and to work at other mechanical occupations.

The most conservative bankers of the United States are paying their women employees the same salaries that they paid the men whose places the women now fill.

A Pennsylvania steel mill has been equipped to roll the largest plates in the world, 102 inches in width, the limit that is possible to transport on American railroads.

Canada will announce a plan for compulsory retirement of all civil servants who have been in service more than 35 years, their places to be filled by returned soldiers.

Artificial rubber as a by-product of the manufacture of steel may be a possibility as English scientists are experimenting with its production from coke-oven gases.

The United States is the world's greatest importer of hides and skins despite the fact that it raises more cattle than any other nation except India.

A training school for returned soldiers who desire to enter agricultural pursuits is the proposal of the Canadian government.

The education committee of London, England, has accepted the offer of clergymen to do national service as schoolteachers.

Venezuela by law has prescribed a standard of purity for butter and forbidden the sale of that containing any adulterants.

To release men for the army young women are being trained to run the elevators in the Equitable building, New York.

MAY IMPORT PORTO RICANS

Government Considering Plans for Bringing 50,000 Jobless Men to United States for Railroads.

Plans for bringing 50,000 jobless Porto Ricans to the United States for railroad work are being discussed by officials of the department of labor and the railroad war board. All roads have been asked by the board to report how many of the islanders they could use under prescribed conditions. The labor department requires specifications as to wages, hours and living conditions, free transportation and a pledge that the imported workers will not be used in any sense as strike breakers.

The news that young women in overalls will replace 12,000 General Electric company workmen at the company's various plants as soon as the men, many of whom have already enlisted, are called out, illustrates what is going to happen all over the country in manufacturing establishments where women will be called upon to take the place of men. Naturally, the question will arise here, as it has risen in England, whether women will continue to work in this way after the war is over.

A strike agitation has begun among workmen in the shipbuilding industry, particularly metal workers, at Hamburg. They demand a reduction of working hours to 52 weekly and an increase in wages of 50 per cent. Women workers also have formulated demands. The movement is due largely to the increased cost of necessities, but radical socialist agitators also are playing a part, it is said.

Concerning New York's compulsory workmen's compensation act, Justice Pitney of the federal supreme court said: "The New York law cannot be said to be arbitrary and unreasonable from the standpoint of natural justice. On the grounds of natural justice it is not unreasonable to require the employer to contribute a reasonable compensation for loss of earning power."

A strike at the National Conduit and Cable company's plant at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., ended when the strikers went back at an increase of two cents an hour. They will, however, work the nine-hour day, having lost out on that demand. They compromised on the increase in wages asked.

A safety survey of the country's navy yards and arsenals and other government establishments where employment is considered most hazardous is being made by the new federal employees' compensation commission in co-operation with the various executive departments.

Members of the Railroad Laborers' union employed at the Chicago and Eastern Illinois shops at Danville, Ill., who struck for an increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour, agreed to resume work pending a conference between their officers and Receiver Jackson.

Employees of the Monon railroad system have been granted a large increase in wages. The machinists, boiler makers, blacksmiths, pipe fitters, helpers and apprentices will receive 7 cents an hour and the helpers will receive 5 cents more.

The "shortage of labor" cry has been taken advantage of by employment sharks in Houston, Tex., who are charged with relieving \$10 from individual workmen who are sent to Oklahoma wheat fields only to find that they have been cheated.

One thousand shopmen of the International and Great Northern railroad were granted wage increases that will add \$140,000 yearly to the company's payroll, at a conference at Houston, Tex., between representatives of the road and shopmen.

Five thousand Japanese emigrants are to be sent to Brazil each year over a new steamship line. In their new home the Japanese will be employed in the cultivation of rice, beans, potatoes, onions and coffee.

What is called an L. W. plot to cause a strike at the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company's plant at Kipling, Mich., caused the arrest and deportation of Joseph Karlovich and Ignar Granick, Austrians.

Suspension of its age limit has been announced by the Pennsylvania railroad. During the war persons between the ages of forty-five and seventy may be employed to supplant conscripts.

In a campaign to promote efficiency among girls of New Brunswick, Canada, clubs will be organized and courses will be given in food values, canning, etc.

Although but 6 per cent of Spain's cultivated land is under irrigation the irrigated sections yield about one-fourth of the nation's agricultural productions.

The Tasmanian government has dammed a large lake and built a hydro-electric plant for light and power that will be distributed throughout the state.

A school to teach women to become car conductors is to be established in New York under the auspices of the women's section of the Navy league.

Increase in wages and war bonuses taking effect in May resulted in a total increase of \$227,500 a week and affected more than 200,000 persons.

Detroit (Mich.) Horse Meat Packing association has organized to promote the sale of a new table delicacy and also reduce the cost of living.

The government of New South Wales has appointed a committee to assist in the development of inventions likely to be of general public utility.

The Pennsylvania railroad has accepted the principle of "equal pay for equal work" wherever women are employed in places of men.

Jesus In the Midst

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TEXT—In the midst.

The words of this text occur in several places and yield precious teaching concerning our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Luke 2:40 we find him as a boy in the temple.

In the Midst of the Teachers—Our Example.

"All that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." Jesus was a close Bible student. How ready he was in giving just the right answer out of the Book when Satan tempted him in the wilderness! How he astonished the Sadducees when he proved the resurrection by the words of Moses in the Pentateuch, whose authority they acknowledged (Luke 20:37, 38)! To know the Bible means application and toll, but the Master thought it worth all this, and the servant is not above his Lord.

In John 19:18 we find him in the midst of the sinners—Our Substitute.

He was crucified between two malefactors, as if he were the worst of the three. Indeed, he took our place under the wrath of God.

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood; Sealed my pardon with his blood.

Hallelujah!

If the reader is burdened with the sense of sin, he need wait no longer. He may leave his burden at the cross and hear away a song. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." In order to be saved we have nothing to do but gladly believe this!

In several passages Jesus is seen in the midst of the saints—Our Center.

For example, Matthew 18:20 shows he gives us his presence, for where two or three gather in his name there he is "in the midst." What a difference it would make in our assemblies if we realized this! The story of how Dr. A. J. Gordon dreamed Christ came to his church one Sunday is well known. A little Book *How Christ Came to Church*. Doctor Gordon has told what a revolution was wrought as the result of the dream, for everything was done afterwards as though Christ were present and they were trying to please him.

John 20:19-21 tells how he gives us his peace. He stood "in the midst" of his disciples after the resurrection, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then he showed his hands and his side, for only in his wounds is there the assurance of peace. After this he repeated his salutation, "Peace be unto you," and added, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." In other words, those who find peace in his wounds are sent as messengers of peace. What a thrilling errand! The deepest need of men is to be reconciled to God and to find rest for their hearts, yet the poorest saint is a herald of this great blessing.

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus—this is rest.
Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Hebrews 2:12 reads, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Christ did not speak of his disciples as his brethren till after the resurrection, for sonship is a blessing of the new covenant. In the text before us we see Jesus crowned and leading the praises and prayers of his church. He is fully accepted before God and is our representative; so, as our voices mingle with his, our praises and prayers are acceptable. Once again, in Revelation 1:13 Jesus is seen "in the midst" of seven golden candlesticks, representing the church. From this place amongst his people he prompts them, as in the letters to the seven churches.

Finally, we see Jesus in Revelation 5:6.

In the Midst of the Throne—Our Hope.

The Lamb seen by John in the midst of the throne takes the seven-sealed book of destiny telling of his right to the inheritance, for he alone is worthy to open it. All heaven worships him. We wait for the time when he shall rule over the ransomed creation, which groans awaiting the day of its deliverance.

Beautiful Life.

A beautiful life is made up of beautiful days and beautiful hours. And to make them beautiful they must be filled with kindly services, generous helpfulness, aspirations and sacrifice. Many a girl gives herself in loving services so small that those who profit by them hardly realize it. But the day filled with such service is a golden radiance in the life. Not everyone is capable of making life great, but all can make it beautiful.—Girls' Companion.

7,000 IN NATIONAL ARMY

TENNESSEE HAS LARGE FORCE OF SOLDIERS IN SERVICE OF UNCLE SAM.

With Muster of All Units of State Militia Into Federal Service, Volunteer State Has No State Soldiers—Full Division Furnished.

Nashville.—Four regiments, a squadron of cavalry, a separate company of infantry, an ambulance company and field hospital company, all of the entire national guard of the state is now a part of the national army of the United States is more than 7,000 organized men.

Charles B. Rogan resigned as adjutant general of the state and was sworn in as colonel of the Second Tennessee infantry by Maj. W. H. Hyde. Col. Rogan assumes command of the Second Tennessee at once.

Victor H. Holmes of Trenton, James W. Burks of Livingston and Roane Waring of Memphis were commissioned majors of the Second Tennessee, and Thos. P. Fauntleroy of Memphis, adjutant of the same organization. Rev. Gideon B. Harris of Nashville is the chaplain of the Second Tennessee.

The following is the list of organizations which Tennessee has contributed to the national army, with the commanders, the war strength of each and regimental headquarters:

First Tennessee Infantry—Col. Harry S. Berry commanding, 2,002 men, Nashville.

Second Tennessee Infantry—Col. Chas. B. Rogan commanding, 2,002 men, Nashville.

Third Tennessee Infantry—Col. C. F. Spence commanding, 2,002 men, Knoxville.

First Tennessee Field Artillery—Lieut. Col. Luke Lea commanding, 1,374 men, Nashville.

First Cavalry Squadron—Maj. J. P. Fyffe commanding, 294 men, Chattanooga.

Separate Company—Company C. Capt. Chas. O. Harris commanding, 153 men, Nashville.

Ambulance Company—Capt. P. A. Perkins commanding, 155 men, Chattanooga.

Field Hospital Company—Capt. Jerome L. Morgan commanding, 71 men, Chattanooga.

The merging of these military organizations into the national army leaves the State of Tennessee without a national guard.

Maj. W. H. Hyde, the disbursing officer of the state militia, was selected as a major in the Second Tennessee regiment, but the war department ruled that he must first be discharged from that duty before being commissioned.

While the national guard has been merged into the United States army, there will be need of a military department, and a successor to Gen. Rogan as adjutant general will be appointed by Gov. Rye.

Memphis Gets Aviator School.

Memphis won the greatest peace victory in its history. On the Millington site the government will establish immediately one of the largest aviation training schools in the United States, where will be maintained 96 machines, about 25 signal corps officers, 96 mechanics and a colony of several thousand college-educated young men from every section of the country.

That the Memphis-Millington site was formally and finally recommended is announced in a telegram from Capt. C. G. Edgar, who, with Maj. Arnold and Col. Crabtree, the latter being a surgeon in the medical section of the signal corps, inspected the proposed aviation field.

Commission Considers Cases.

The Tennessee railroad commission completed the hearing of the stove grate case and have the matter under advisement. Following the close of the case, Hon. John I. Cox was heard on the exceptions filed by the Chattanooga Power company, objecting to the tentative assessment made against that property by the commission. Representatives of the Chattanooga Railway & Light Company were then heard on the exceptions filed by those concerns.

Pre-Medical School Moves.

The pre-medical department of the University of Tennessee at Memphis will be taken to Knoxville at the beginning of the coming fall term to become a part of the pre-medical course. With this change Dr. S. D. Moreland, who will be dean of the pre-medical department, and Thomas P. Nash, as assistant professor of chemistry, will be taken from Memphis to the Knoxville pre-medical department.

Sealed bids for the \$1,000,000 of State of Tennessee bonds for the State university will be received by the secretary of state at his office in Nashville until noon, Aug. 14.

Trouble Ahead For Tardy Boys.

Fifty men who have not communicated with Col. Cary F. Spence since the assembling of troops on July 25 may be arrested, and court-martialed. "The men do not seem to realize the seriousness of this offense," says Col. Spence. "This is equivalent to desertion in the army, and the penalty for desertion in time of war is death. I hope this is enough for me to say. Action will be taken accordingly if the men do not report or communicate with me at once."

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Didn't Seem to Be "Free" Seeds.

An Indiana congressman recently made a liberal distribution of free seeds, sending them to his constituents in franked envelopes on which appeared the regular warning, "Penalty for private use, \$300," says the Indianapolis News. A few days later one of his supporters wrote:

"I don't know what to do about those garden seeds you sent me. I notice it is \$300 fine for private use. I don't want to use them for the public. I want to plant them in my private garden. I can't afford to pay \$300 for the privilege. Won't you see if you can fix it so I can use them privately? I am a law-abiding citizen, and do not want to commit a crime."

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HE WAS WAITING PATIENTLY

Constant Attendant at Play Was Bound to Be on Hand when Erring Wife Was Caught by Husband.

A problem play was being produced in Chicago. One evening it was discovered that a certain man, evidently the play's first villain, had been absent the play six nights in succession and always sat well down in front. Each night he leaned forward eagerly in his seat and drank in the words of the drama.

These facts were communicated to the theater press agent, who scented a good story. Approaching the interested spectator between the acts, he apologized for his intrusion and said: "Would you mind telling me just why you are so interested in this play? Do you know some member of the cast?"

"Nope," said the man from the outlands. "That ain't it. But I'll tell you about it. You know the scene in the private room of the restaurant, where the dark man and the other man's wife get up and leave by the left-hand door just a moment before the woman's husband enters by the right-hand door?"

"Yes," said the press agent expectantly.

"Well," said the interested spectator, "some night the husband's going to come in before they leave."

In Fat Berth.

Towne—No; Grafton doesn't work at all now.

Browne—He doesn't? Why, when I knew him he seemed to be a young man with considerable push.

Towne—All that's changed now. He's a young man with considerable pull and doesn't have to work.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Her Idea.

Wife—James, make a little garden for me in the back yard.

Hubby—Going into amateur gardening?

Wife—Yes; I get some bird seed and I'm going to try to raise canaries.

The Only Way.

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